The Commissioners Submit the An-

Urgent Need of the Enactment of a New Liquor Law-The Finances of the District-Electric Wires, Railroads and Other Mat-

the past year. Commissioner Douglass was appointed a committee of one to hand it to the President and the Chief Magistrate received it precisely at noon. As soon as this was done gress. Such schools as our people desire at the Commissioner telephoned to the District as any people have a right to demand are nece building and the copies for the press were re-

This is the fourteenth annual report of the

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3, 1892. The Commissioners of the District of Columbis have prepared, pursuant to the requirements of the organic law of said District, following report of their official doings for fiscal year ended June 30, 1892, and have Congress. The essential portion of this report consists of statements of the officials imme-diately in charge of the several departments of the District government, showing in detail the duties performed by them during said period. The Commissioners have prefaced this exhibit with a brief summary of statistics from those statements and with comments and recom-mendations having in view improvements in the administration of the affairs of this munic-

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

A complete statement of the receipts and expenditures of the District for the fiscal year under consideration cannot vet be made, for the reason that all obligations incurred for that period have not been definitely ascertained and payments due or to become due for work on public buildings and improvements now in progress. But the following exhibit shows the financial status of the District for said period substantially in accordance with the facts: The revenues of the District during the period

the revenue derived from private taxable prop-erty and privileges in the District, would have provided a total revenue of \$5,508,810.06. In addition to one-half of the appropriations

nual installment due from the District for its share of the cost of Bock Creek Park. The total amount, therefore, chargeable against the combined receipts is \$5,513,598.09, leaving an ever, does not actually exist for the reason that a considerable portion of the appropriations have not been expended and will not be in cases where the amount involved in contracts will not absorb the entire amount appropriated for has not been done under contract. rill also be refunded a portion of the appropriation advanced for work under the compullected as a special tax from the property bene-fited by improvements made under said sys-tem and paid back to the District and the United States in equal portions. The unex-pended balances and refundments with which the District should be thus credited will amount to at least \$25,000. Hence the District administration has upon this showing kept its expenditures fully \$20,000 less than its revenues on

The foregoing does not include the transac-tions of the water department, the expenses of which are wholly defrayed out of the revenues of

PUNDED DEST. The bonded and capitalized debts of the Dis trict are by the law of June 11, 1878 -establishing the present form of government-placed under the charge of the treasurer of the United States. The Commissioners' only duty in relation to them is to include in their annual estimates for the support of the District government an estimate for the interest and sinking fund on these debts and for the salaries and contingent expenses of the clerical force em-ployed by the treasurer in transacting the sink-ing fund business.

The amount of the bonded debt on June 30.

1882, was as f	ollows:	
Maturity.	Title, Int.	Amount.
July 1, 1892 July 26, 1492 July 1, 1869 Oct. 1 1901 Nov. 1, 1902 July 1, 1903 Aug. 1, 1924	Three-year Emery), 7.3. Twenty-year fundin 6. Market. Twenty-year fundin 5. Water. Thirty-year funding 6. Water Fifty-year funding 3.65. Ten-year funding 3.50.	\$10 839, 10 44, 40 870, 40 3° 4, 00 576, 80 15, 0 14, 003, 6°
Total		\$19, 133, 40

The only floating indebtedness of the District 10.045 and 10.046) embodying their views on consists of accounts unsettled because they are the subject, but neither of them received the not covered by antecedent appropriations. It is very small in amount and consists principally of judgments of the courts rendered subsequent to the passage of the current annual appropriation law and of the obligations incurred to meet minor emergencies. The Commissioners have endeavored to enforce the strictest observance practicable of the requirement of law that no expenditure shall be made nor obligation incurred unless previously auized by congressional appropriation.

water supply debts.

On June 30, 1892, the District owed the United States \$789,104.42 on account of advances for the construction of the water supply tunnel and appurtenances, and \$284,076.18 on account of advances for forty-eight-inch water main and advances for forty-eight-inch water main and spirit for the statement. In a previous report the Commissioners took occasion to make the following remarks with reference to this matter: "To remedy this condition they presented to Congress * * two bills designed to accomplish what is known as the 'high license system.' This system has been and is being tried in many of the states and cities the 14th street water main and connections. The first is payable in eighteen and the latter in twenty-four equal annual installments, with interest at 3 per cent per annum, wholly out of the revenues of the water department.

BATE OF TAX.

sults also come a great reduction in the court and police expenses and a decreased poor house The rate of general tax for the year was fixed at \$1.50 on each \$100 for all taxable personal property and for all real property, except that med solely for agricultural purposes, the rate of which was \$1 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The assessed value of the taxable real estate and personal property in the District of Colum-bia for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1892 which is the basis of the general tax for the fiscal year to end June 30, 1893—is:

WASHINGTON- Taxable on land	0 63,955,321	
Taxable on improve-	64, 149, 450	*****
OFORGE TOWN	-	8128, 104, 771 00
Tetable on land Tatable on improve-	2,602,737	
ments	3,103,500	5,796,237 00
COENTY	-	5,100,231 00
Taxable on land at	6,426.155	
ments	2.951,750	
	9,377,905	
Taxable on land at	2,853,813	
ments at #1	801,550	
		13, 128, 268 00

by subsequent owners, there can be no reasona-ble objection, in strict justice or equity, to the enactment of a law authorizing the reassessment and collection of taxes and assessment which may be lost to the District by like defect in future. Some time since the Commissioners submitted to Congress a bill providing for the nual Statement of Their Work.

proposed necessary legislation and have since on several occasions favorably reported upon like bills submitted to them by congressional committees for their report, but no action has as yet been taken by Congress.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS. The continued growth and prosperity of the public school interests are indicative of the growth of our city and the District no less than they are an indication of the deep interest of our people in the education of their children. Shortly after 11 o'clock this morning the Commissioners signed their annual report of the operations of the District government for the past year. Commissioner Douglass was appointed a committee of one to hand it to the encouraged in the main by gen e desire and sarily expensive. The schools, therefore, of the District of Columbia require a large pro-portion of the revenues of the District for operations of the District under the present form of government. It follows in full:

Office of the Commissioners of the Commissioners for the schools, even though it be done at great expense, not only that their present efficiency may not be impaired, but that the different departments of schools may all be wisely and the coupling developed the coupling developed.

wisely and thoroughly developed.

During the past year the schools have maintained their usual high standing and have been prosperous, as shown by the increase and regularity of attendance. Between 42,000 and 43,000 persons have been instructed in the schools during the year, including those that have attended night schools. This is between 15,000 persons have been instructed in the schools during the year, including those that have attended night schools. This is between 15,000 persons the schools. 16 and 17 per cent of our population. The Commissioners feel that so great an interest as demands the most earnest consideration and the wisest judgment.

THE HEALTH OFFICE. In view of the possible danger from choler during the next summer the Commission have asked for an increase of the emergency

fund, to be expended only in the event of urgent

In the garbage service many complaints have been made of the failure of the contractor to fully comply with the terms of his contract. fully comply with the terms of his contract. Prior to the beginning of the present fiscal year the appropriation for the garbage service included an amount sufficient for the employment of inspectors, whose duty it was to investigate and report upon all such complaints The omission to provide such inspectors for the current fiscal year has rendered it impracticable for the health office to verify complaints ade of dereliction on the part of the con tractor and difficult to apply a proper remedy. The existing regulations require householders The revenues of the District during the period mentioned from private sources were \$2,826.—861.01. The total appropriations for the District of Columbia chargeable to the revenues of the District of Columbia and to the United States government for said fiscal year are \$5,363,898.10. One-half of these appropriations was contributable by the United States as its share of the expense of the District government. This sum, or \$2,681,949.05, added to spectors is of doubtful expediency. The same tary and food inspectors have a line of duty which requires their full time and attention. In view of these facts and of the possible con-tingency of an epidemic of cholcra during the stated above, the revenues derived from pri-vate taxable property and privileges are charge-able for said period with \$150,000 as the an-inspectors be provided for by an appropriation. inspectors be provided for by an appropriation

THE POLICE. Since the rendition of an opinion by the United States Supreme Court in the Hutton case there have been no restrictions upon the appointment of citizens of the District upon the police force. All young men of good standing are, under rules recently adopted, eligible for appointment, and it is believed that the excellent standard of efficiency heretofore existing among the members of the force will

be maintained and excelled.

The inadequacy of the existing force to fully patrol the entire District is again brought to the attention of the lawmaking power of the government. The rapid increase of population in the District, the growth of suburban villages. the extension of street car facilities to all parts of the District, and the anticipated early increase of crossings of street railways at high rates of speed, render an increase of the police force absolutely essential to the safety of the citizens and to the good order of the District. FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The fire department has been able during the past year to successfully meet the dema upon its service, but the extension of the terwhich are water rents and taxes. The appropriations on that account were \$286,808.14; the revenues on that account were \$286,808.14; the revenues on the number of buildings renbuilding will go toward defraying the expense in the other portions of the same street. der expedient the establishment of an additional company to the present force of the department, and the Commissioners have accordingly submitted the requisite estimate building will go toward defraying the expense of the proposed new structure."

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Congress in the number of buildings reliable to the proposed new structure."

Congress and municipal offices, appropriated \$75,-

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE SERVICE. The necessity of extending the limits and ntility of the fire alarm system by its introduction beyond the cities of Washington and Georgetown and by an increased number of boxes within the cities is constantly becoming more pressing and should receive the prompt and favorable consideration of Congress. The Commissioners reiterate, with the emphasis of another year's confirmatory experience, the vital importance of reconstructing the existing lines of the fire alarm wires either by replacing

of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the District of Columbia is not satisfactory,

and each year's experience more forcibly con

of the country and found to produce desirable results in the decrease of violent crimes and va-

grancy and a proportional increase of happy homes and families. With these enviable re-

and work house population. The experience in those communities also shows that high-license fees put the business into the hands of dealers

who, as a rule, are obedient to the law and

helpful to the executive officers and agents of

dent municipal systems: the city of Washington, the city of Georgetown and the levy court. Without a punishment of any kind for offenders

in this line, the public peace, private property and human life are necessarily in danger. The

for the District offices.

The money was drawn by the treasurer of the board of public works. but was not expended for the specific purpose for which the appro-priation was made. The money, if now treated as a portion of the revenues of the District and set aside for the purpose intended, would go far to form a nucleus of a fund to be devoted the poles which by reason of their age are a constant menace to life and property or by the underground construction of all such lines, a method which the Commissioners carnestly rec-ommend as eminently superior to the old and to the original purpose.

In this effort to get a suitable municipal dangerous practice of stringing wires upon THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

building for the capital of the nation the Com-missioners have had the sympathy and support of the people of the Listrict. In our estimates for the next fiscal year we have recommended the appropriation of \$100,-000 to begin the erection of a building. The whole should cost not less than \$600,000. Our During the first session of the Fifty-first Congress the Commissioners prepared and subopinion is that the proper place for its erection is between 9th and 7th streets, on the piece of land belonging to the District, lying immedi-ately in front of the Center market. It would mitted to that body drafts of two bills (H. R. final action of the committees to which they were referred. Either of these bills would there be central, readily reached by street rail-way and other lines of city transportation, be an ornament to the principal avenue of the city and stand on ground already acquired by effect a great improvement on the present law governing the subject, not only with respect to an increase of revenue, but to the better regula-tion and surveillance of the business. The Comthe District.

The schedule of the cost of city balls in missioners have on several occasions called atten tion to the fact that the law regulating the issue

thirty-five of fifty of the largest cities in the United States, prepared by the census office, is significant as to the propriety and per capita cost of such buildings. The schedule shows The average cost per capita for city halls in thirty-five of fifty of the largest cities in the United States as shown by

STREET AND ROAD PAVEMENTS. During the past fiscal year the area of paved streets and roads has been extended as provided for in the appropriation bill and other streets and roads have been improved by grading and helpful to the executive officers and agents of the municipalities affected. The Commission-ers estimate that a good law of the kind recommended would raise not less than \$300,000 of District revenues, which with a like sum from the United States would give from this source alone \$600,000 for yearly improvements. The Commissioners are still hearing of the good results of the high-license system elsewhere and are the more anxious to have its benefits in the District."

The liquor laws in the District of Columbia are wrecked—the result of mingled and incongruous legislation, dating back to the days

The other pavements laid in the District have

The other pavements laid in the District have been of sheet asphalt, asphalt block and granite block. They have been laid as detailed in former reports and there seems to be no neces-sity for changes in the specifications. The granite curbs, 6 by 20 inches and 8 by 8 inches, and human life are necessarily in danger. The courts have discharged so many prisoners by reason of the inadequacy and weakness of the laws that the police have become discouraged and the citizens disgusted.

The following extracts from testimony of a defendant liquor dealer are significant of what courts have discharged so many prisoners by reason of the inadequacy and weakness of the laws that the police have become discouraged

Commissioners therefore earnestly urge that some legislation like that proposed in the two bills above referred to, or in the McMillan Senate bill of the last session, be enacted by this Congress at an early date.

The cost of the cheapest of that kind of improved pavement.

In paving alleys vitrified brick has been used almost exclusively, as has been done for the past three years. This pavement continues to piece out the three thousand hours as at proved pavement.

During the last fiscal year considerable exten-

BATHING BEACH.

FLOWER WARRET

At the last session of Congress the Senate

District of Columbia in response to the popular

WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION

assuredly entitled to representative exhibit.

STREET CLEANING

The report of the superintendent, herewith

tem and also the necessity for an increased ap-

SUNDAY LAW.

the pursuit of ordinary secular occupations on

we believe, be safely disregarded in our mu-

NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

nicipal legislation.

The Commissioners have several times rec-

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In paving alleys vitrified brick has been used almost exclusively, as has been done for the past three years. This pavement continues to give satisfaction to the people interested.

Under the law the Commissioners have the right to lay sidewalks, put in severs and pave alleys without the consent of the property owners and tax them with one-half the cost, provided these works are necessary for the public health, safety or comfort. The bulk of the expenditures for paving alleys has been made in this way, always on a statement from the health officer that such pavement is necessary for the public health.

The results of the permit work appeal, perhaps, more directly to the citizen than any other appropriation under the engineer department. This is the only method by which alleys can be paved in the District. The fund is also used in many cases for the laying of sewers, which the District. The fund is also used in many cases for the laying of sewers, which the District. The same may be said of sidewalks.

EXTENSION OF STREETS AND AVENUES.

During the last fiscal year considerable extension has been made in the Potomac water system. One of the most important lines laid was that leading from 11th and East Capitol streets by way of Kentucky avenue extended and Minnesota avenue to Anacostia. This main is intended to serve as the supply line to the extension as the leading from 11th and East Capitol streets by way of Kentucky avenue extended and Minnesota avenue to Anacostia. This main is intended to serve as the supply line to the extension to he city, as well as the low territory beyond the Anacostia river. It has sufficient capacity to last for many years.

The urgently needed high-service system to serve portions of the District lying outside of the city is now being studied out in detail. Congress at its last session provided that any surplus resources of the water department arising during the fiscal year 1893 might be applied to the extension of the high service and when the extension of the high service and when The report of the officer in charge of the bathing beach indicates an increased appreciation of the value of that public convenience during the past season. The facilities afforded were used to the fullest extent whenever the weather was suitable. The construction of the permanent fence at the danger line and the employment of a patrol boat rendered the use of the beach by all classes as nearly absolutely safe as human contrivance could make it. The beach has attained a bigh regard in the public

as human contrivance could make it. The beach has attained a high regard in the public estimation, which is evidenced by the wide-spread expressions in favor of its continuance and enlargement. The superintendent of the beach reports a plan for its improvement with a view to increasing its constitution. beach reports a plan for its improvement with a view to increasing its capacity and attractiveness. If Congress should find this plan too elaborate and expensive provision should at least be made for continuing the present slope of the bottom within the danger line as far out as permanently deep water and placing thereon a suitable covering of sand, together with provision for the employment of a superintendent of the beach and necessary attendants.

EXTENSION OF STREETS AND AVENUES. lish a system of streets, avenues and highways throughout the District outside the cities of Washington and Georgetown, with the aim tog extend the present arrangement of the city of Washington throughout the District of Columbia. With the many irregular subdivisions now existing it will be a labor of much time and careful thought to so lay out these extensions as to make a harmonious whole, and it is hoped by the Commissioners that either the bill now pending or one of the same purport may bepassed a bill to establish a flower market in the request for a place of this kind. The Florist Club of this city approved and urged the propending or one of the same purport may become a law at the present session of Congress.

request for a place of this kind. The Florist Club of this city approved and urged the project and the Commissioners cordially recommended it. The impropriety of scattering the flower stands throughout the market and adjacent to meat and fish stands, as is the necessary condition of affairs at present, is apparent, and the Commissioners again earnestly recommend the furtherance of the project as one in the interest of a large and growing business and the prospective public improvement of both an ornamental and useful character. PARKING COMMISSION. The trees of the city and county form one of the most beautiful features of the District of Columbia. The care of these trees and the extension of the same come under the parking commission, composed of three gentlemen, who have served since 1871 without compensation. Their recommendations have been followed by the Commissioners, and have proved by the results their wisdom. The area and number of trees to be cared for is constantly increasing, and it is hoped that the increase subad for its In a former report the Commissioners recommended that a proper appropriation be authorized and fixed by Congress to secure a representation of the District of Columbia at the celebration in Chicago in 1893 of the dis-covery of America. The Commissioners have since estimated for an expenditure of \$25,000 on the part of the District, and earnestly hope and it is hoped that the increase asked for it the present appropriation bill can be granted by Congress.

SUBVEYOR'S OFFICE. This office should be made a salaried one, and not, as now, supported by fees. The invaluable records of this office should be cared for, as The street sweeping and cleaning service is now being performed as efficiently as the dexing and copying them. amount appropriated therefor will permit. The

BOARD OF EXAMINERS, STRAM ENGINEERS. Commissioners have asked for increased appro-priations on this account for the next fiscal year, and hope for a liberal consideration thereof The work of this board has been satisfactory and of great value. It is believed by the Com-missioners that the work should be continued. by Congress in order that the reputation of the District for clean streets may be main-INSPECTOR OF ASPHALT AND CEMENTS.

The Commissioners desire to invite attention o the very interesting report of this officer. During the past year he was sent to the Island of Trinidad, from which all the asphalt used in the District is obtained. He has continued his laboratory tests, and some new features have been introduced and caroful studies made of the nature and applicability of asphalts and ce

STEAM RAILROADS

Sunday as being in the interest of public morality and comfort. That day holds a cen-tral position in modern civilization and cannot, The solution of the railroad problem in the District still remains an open question. Several plans and bills are now under consideration by Congress, and it is hoped, not only in the interest of the citizens of the District, but It is discreditable to the nation and to this in the interest of the traveling public and rail-roads as well, that appropriate legislation may community that the municipal government at be obtained at this sess the national capital is obliged to resort to the STREET RAILBOADS use of a rented building for office accommoda-

The replacement of the old rail by the ap Prior to the establishment of a single governproved grooved rail is about completed. Anment for the entire District the offices of the city of Washington at least were housed in a other great advance that has been accom-plished during the fiscal year is the change of motive power of the Washington and George-town Bailroad Company. The lines of this building which comported with the business demands and with the dignity of the municipality which they represented. When the Disroad, both in Georgetown and Washington, are now operated by cable. While minor inconvetriet government was first organized, in 1871. the governor of the District, voicing the com-mon sentiment of the community, made the lack of familiarity with the system on the part following suggestion in his message of May 15, 1871, to the legislative assembly of the District, pressed by our citizens with the increased facilities furnished. No other road has yet ado 'It is therefore recommended that measures the new motive power, but it is expected that be taken for the transfer and sale to the gov-ernment of the United States of the city's in-use some modern system. The Rock Creek railway, within the city, have their plans made terest in the building known as the city hall. railway, within the city, have their plans made. The increased business of the courts requires for putting in an underground conduit for the the occupancy of the entire structure for that transmission of electric power, and the Ecking-purpose. It is suggested that a site for a new ton and Soldiers' Home railroad on that porthe building, sufficient for the accommodation of tion of their route where overhead wires are the territorial government, can be secured upon forbidden use the storage battery system. It would seem advisable that with the new motive in the other portions of the same street. ROCK CREEK PARK.

Unexpected delays have occurred in the escourts and municipal offices, appropriated \$75,-000 to purcha e the interest of the District in tablishment of the Rock Creek Park, which was provided for by Congress two years ago. Until it is established the Commissioners of the this building, and restricted the use of said money to the erection of a separate municipal District have no control of it. It is understood An appraisement was made of the District's and believed that an early decision of the United States Supreme Court will settle all differences now existing, and that during the interest in the city hall at \$75,000, the law providing that the same be applied by said Discoming fiscal year the park will become an

ROCK CREEK TUNNEL The resolution of the United States Senate requires the Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia to report plans and estimate cost for arching over Rock creek within the boundaries of the city, and tunnel-ing, if necessary. This is a study of great magnitude, for which no money was appro-priated. With limited assistance from the sewer department the project is now being studied, and the Commissioners deem the same

of great importance. UNDERGROUND WIRES.

No action was taken in the last session of Congress for the further placing of electric wires underground, the report of the board of electrical experts having been received too late for digestion by that body. It is believed by the Commissioners that the only method of causing the electric wires to be placed underground is by directing the removal of those above ground by some fixed date, say one year from the vessers of the law and patients. from the passage of the law, and placing a penalty on the failure of any company to so remove their wires, and in the same law should be embodied the conditions under which the company should be allowed to place wires under-

SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL. For several years the increase in population and buildings in the District has advanced with

and buildings in the District has advanced with great rapidity. Sewer facilities have not been given to meet the demands of the new population and improvements. During these years the amounts appropriated for sewers have been small, and at the present time it is absolutely essential for the health of the District that liberal appropriations be made. The climax seems to have been reached in this department. There have been during the past fiscal year in the District cases of typhoid fever and diphtheria which have been attributed to the lack of proper sewerage facilities. With danger threatening the country with a possible introduction of cholera it would seem that a wise precaution would dictate the use of every means to put would dictate the use of every means to put the city in a condition where this calamity would have as little effect as possible. Nothing could add more to the sanitary condition of the District than an ample and proper sewerage of the same, and it is earnestly hoped, on these the same, and it is earnestly hoped, on these grounds, that the carefully prepared schedule of the sewer department may receive the appropriations asked for by the Commissioners.

A board of experts has reported upon the method of disposing of this sewage, and the cost, as estimated, will be \$4,000,000. The time necessary to complete the works for this purpose will be several years; therefore but a beginning can be made on this important branch during the present fiscal year. Nor will the revenues of the District enable the Commissioners to carry out and complete this system without going beyond, for a time at least, the available funds. It would seem right that the District should go temporarily in debt for this purpose, as this has been found necessary in nearly every city in the United States.

LIGHTING. The Commissioners have nothing to say on the subject of street lighting, but it is believed that the time has come when the number of hours should be increased to four thousand hours per year, as is done in many of our larger and more important cities. At present we are depending upon the light of the moon

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The bridges in the District have been main A bill is now pending in Congress to estab- tained in fair condition during the year. An lish a system of streets, avenues and highways examination of the structure at M street over missioners by appropriate legislation, and sub-stantial advantages to the public would result from such action

The old bridge across the Eastern branch known as the Anacostia bridge should be re-built and the small wooden structures in the county converted into stone culverts. Respectfully submitted

J. W. DOUGLASS. J. W. Ross, W. T. Rossell,

DEATH OF GEN. BRICE. A Retired Army Officer Who Had a Distir

guished Career. Gen. Benjamin W. Brice died last evening a his residence, 25 Lafayette square, after an illness of but three days. The immediate cause they are needed in the courts on almost all occasions for verifying the city lines and boundaries of lots. Liberal appropriations should also be made for the care of them, also for inof death was congestion of the lungs, the result Brice died about seven years ago.

Gen. Brice was a retired officer in the regula army with the rank of brevet major general. He was born in Virginia in 1806. He was appointed to the United States Military Academy from Ohio, was graduated in 1829, served as lieutenant of infantry in an expedition against the Sac Indians in 1831, and on February 13, 1831, resigned from the army. He was brigade major in the Ohio militia in 1835-9, became a 1845, and was adjutant general of the state

At the beginning of the Mexican war h re-entered the army, with the rank of major on the stuff, on March 3, 1847, and served as paymaster at Cincinnati and in the field. He was discharged March 4, 1849, but was reappointed February 9, 1852 and served in the pay department. He had charge of the pay district of Kansas and the territories in 1861-62, and of that of New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland in 1862-64. November 29, 1864, he was appointed paymaster general with the rank of colonel.

March 13, 1865, he was brevetted major general
in the United States arm, for faithful, meritorious and distinguished services. He continued in charge of the pay department in Washington, promoted to be brigadier general July 28, 1866, and retired January 1, 1872. Gen. Brice had since resided in Washington.

The Sangerbund's First Concert. The Washington's Sængerbund's concert at Concordia Hali last evening was one of the most successful, both in point of attendance and of the employes, vet general satisfaction is ex- excellence, in the history of the society. Every gram. Prof. Wm. Waldecker, the directo officiated as accompanist. The soloists were Mrs. Kitty Thompson-Berry, soprano: Mr. J. C. Van Hulsteyn of Baltimore, violinist: Mr. Frank Baxter, tenor, and Mr. Henry Jaeger, flutist. The singing of the Sængerbund was the feature of the program and reflected great credit upon Director Waldecker and its members. Mrs. Club and their numerous friends on "Our Club an Berry and Mr. Baxter were in excellent voice and their selections received enthusiastic encores. The playing of Mr. Van Hulsteyn created a most agreeable impression. An orches:ra of twenty-five pieces added considerably to the enjoyment of the evening. The program was as follows:

1. Overture, "Raymond," Thomas, orchestra;

1. Overture, "Raymond," Thomas, orchestra;
2. Sonnenaufgang Opus 80, Hermes, Sængerbund and orchestra; 3. Air Varie Opus 22 No.
11, Vieutemps, Mr. J. C. Van Hulstey; 4. Aria,
"The Pearl of Brazil," David, Mrs. Kitty
Thompson-Berry; flute obligato, Mr. Henry
Jaeger; 5. "Cavalleria Rusticana," Mascagni,
orchestra; 6. Mænnerchor a Capella (a)Gothenzug, Schmidt; (b)Pilgerchor aus "Tannhauser," Wagner, Sængerhaud, 7. Aria, Wilehauser, "Wagner, Sængerhaud, 7. Aria, Wilehauser," Wagner, Sængerbund; 7. Aria, "Der Freischutz," Weber, Mr. Franz Baxter; 8. Polonaise Brilliante Opus 21, Wieniawski, Mr. J. C. Van Hultstey; 9. Duct, "Lakme," Delibes, Mrs. Thompson-Berry and Mr. Baxter; 10. "Liebesweben" Opus 91, Weinzierl, Sænger-

Proposed Union of the Two Societies. The annual meeting of the District branch of the Sons of the Revolution was held at Welcker's Saturday night. John Lee Carroll, the president, was in the chair, and in his rethe president, was in the chair, and in his report he discussed the proposed union of the order with the kindred society, the Sons of the American Revolution, which he declared to be a question of only a few weeks. A committee will be appointed from each order to scrutinize the applications for membership and a constitution has been agreed upon in which the best points of both societies will be incorporated. In view of the expected union with the Sons In view of the expected union with the Sons of the American Revolution the old board of

officers was re-elected. It is as follows: President, Hon. John Lee Carroll; vice president, Rear Admiral Francis Asbury Roe, United States navy; board of managers. Lewis Johnson Davis, Rear Admiral Samuel Rhoads Franklin, United States navy; Rear Admiral James Augustin Greer, United States navy; Archibald Hopkins, Harry Bouton Cilley, Albion Keith Parris, Benjamin Lewis Blackford and Charles Warshington Control Pickering Dolge. ent, Rear Admiral Francis Asbury Roe, Worthington; secretary, Pickering Dodge; treasurer, Alexander Brown Legare; registrar and historian, Gaillard Hunt; chaplain, Rev. George William Douglas, D. D.; delegates to the general society, John Lee Carroll, Samuel Rhoads Franklin, Daniel Morgan Taylor and Charles Worthington.

Charles Worthington. Popular in New York. A writer in Printers' Ink has been making nvestigations as to the sales of different publiations at the Astor House news stand. The proprietor of the stand is quoted assaying: "We sell every leading paper published. The Atlanta Constitution and New Orleans Times-Democratare the leading southern papers; from Chicago we sell more Tribunes and Inter Oceans than any others, and the other popula outside papers are: San Francisco Examiner Omaha Bee, Cincinnati Enquirer, Pittsburg Dispatch, Washington STAR, Philadelphie Ledger and Boston Herald and Boston Globe.



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SPARRING AND WRESTLING.

The special sparring contests given by the Columbia Athletic Club last Saturday night, tery was dedicated yesterday in presence of a under the auspices of the Amateur Athletic Union, attracted a large audience. The ring ing capacity of 400, was nothing like large was of the regulation size, pitched in the center enough to accommodate the numerous friends of the gymnasium, and modeled after the stakeless ring at the Olympic Club in California. chapel is a brick structure, situated near the Mr. Arthur J. Moore of the New York Athletic Club was the referee of the sparring and Capt. handsome monument which marks the last Kerr of the Wilmington Athletic Club was referee of the wrestling. Messra A. von Lind- Fire Company, who lost his life in the service gren and George Mooney were the judges of boxing and Mr. Wm. B. Hibbs and Mr. R. E. to bury their dead in Glenwood have long felt Joyce were the timers. Howard Perry was an- the want of such a chapel. The building is for The entertainment of the evening

The entertainment of the evening commenced with two wrestling bouts. The first bout was between Cross, unattached, and Shafer of the C. A. C. Shafer won in thirty seconds.

The second contest was between Messrs. Blunt and Mitchell, both of the C. A. C. It was an exciting bout for two minutes and fifteen seconds, when Blunt with a half-Nelson and head roll pressed Mitchell's shoulders to the

carpet.
In the final bont between the two winners In the final bout between the two winners Blunt threw Shafer by a cross buttock in four minutes and fifty seconds.

The sparring then commenced. Begley of the Wynnewcod Athletic Club of Philadelphia met Montroy of the Roxborough C. A. in the 120-pound class. The bout was an exciting one throughout. Montroy was far the cleverer of the two and did all the leading. Yet notwithstanding this the judges gave the match to Begley. It was a very unpopular decision.

standing this the judges gave the match to beg-lev. It was a very unpopular decision. In the 118-pound class Bachman of the Wynnewood A. C. met Edwards of the West Philadelphia A. C. After three exciting rounds Edwards obtained the decision.

McCarney, unattached, of Philadelphia and Holland of the Wynnewood A. C. were the com-petitors in the catch-weight contest. Holland easily demonstrated his superior science in the earlier part of the contest and when the bell sounded at the end of the third round McCar-

ney was considerably used up.

A great deal of interest centered in the match
between Kelly of the Philadelphia Amateur
Swimming Club and Stewart of the C.A.C. The exciting. Most of the fighting was at long ange and Kelly made a running match of it for three rounds. Stewart, however, landed repeatedly, and was given the decision.

The last event of the evening was the sparring in the heavy-weight club between Dickin-

son of the C. A. C. and Crompton, unattached. This battle was hotly contested throughout and it required four earnest rounds before the refwas able to give the decision. The men fought fiercely and repeatedly fouled each other. When time was called both men were groggy. Dickinson got the decision.

GEORGETOWN.

PUNERAL OF WM. MANKINS. At 3 o'clock this afternoon the funeral of Mr. William Mankins, who died on Friday last at his home on 35th street, took place and many of those who respected him through life honored his memory by following the remains to their resting place in Oak Hill. The deceased, who attained the ripe age of seventy-eight before death overtook him, was the grandnephew of general William Smallwood, an early governor of Maryland, and one of the heads of the revolutionary war.

PHOTOGRAPHING THE BLOCKADE. During the blockade on Saturday the Bridge street merchants who are affected by the continual standing on the tracks of the Vashington and Georgetown Railroad Company's cars nired a photographer to take several views of the alleged nuisance, to be used as evidence when they go before Congress to complain of what they term an outrage. CUSTOM HOUSE EXTRIES.

Entries of merchandise received at the Georgetown custom house for the week ending December 3 were as follows: Decorated china, value \$1.327; furniture, value \$506; cigars, excellence, in the history of the society. Every seat in the hall was occupied and hundreds of metal, value \$212; tapestries, value \$199; stood during the rendition of the entire prositiver-mounted bottles, value \$195; wines, value of \$192; terra cotta, value \$100 Saugerbund, held the baton and also value \$87; miscellaneous, value \$53. Total,

> Land-its lights and shadows." The lecture was illustrated with ninety choice views of the country's most beautiful spots.
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> J. P. Clark has sold to Richard Ough for \$2,250, lot 13 and the west half of block 11, of the subdivision of White Haven In the subdivision known as Wesley Heights, near where ex-Secretary Whitney's country home was, John F. Waggaman has sold R. E. Morris for \$27,000 lots 1 to 33 and 41 to 52 of block 12.

An entertainment of considerable merit will be given this evening at the Congress Street M. P. Church.

A New Pastor.

Rev. W. H. Johnson has been unanimously elected pastor of the Israel Baptist Church, 11th street northeast, by the congregation. He took charge and preached his first sermon yesterday. Mr. Johnson was formerly pastor of Mount Bethel Church and is also at present the pastor of St. Philip's Church in this District. He is a preacher of unusual eloquence and power and will devote himself to building up both the congregations over which he now has charge.

Highly valuable deposits of coal have been discovered at Tuchel, in west Prussia. The final examination into the extent of the deposits will commence shortly.
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The exercises yesterday took place in th chapel, and among those who took part were the Rev. S. H. Greene, D.D., pastor of Calvary Baptist Church; Rev. Byron Sunderland, D.D. pastor of the First Presbyterian Church; Rev. pastor of the First Presbyterian Church: Rev. H. B. Naylor, D.D., presiding elder of the M. E. Church, Washington district, Baltimore conference, and Rev. A. Floridus Steele, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, assisted by the quartet choir of the First Presbyterian Church. The quartet was composed of W. D. McFarland, H. C. Simons, Gabriel F. Johnston and W. A. Widney. Dr. Daniel McFarland, president of the board of trustees, presided, with Mr. Lewis Clephane secretary. with Mr. Lewis Clephane secretary.

The exercises were opened by the singing of the beautiful hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light," and during the afternoon prayer was offered by Revs. A. Floridus Steele and H. B. Naylor. Rev. S. H. Greene delivered the address, speaking of the death and sorrows that always accompanies the ending on this earth. "The
chapel," he said, "was dedicated to the many
persons whose loved ones had gone before,"
and he reminded those present of the life beyond the grave. He spoke of the new chapel as a great blessing to those who had loved ones buried around it and who might in the future buried around it and who might to the find it necessary again to go through a siege of sorrow and mental suffering. He spoke at length upon the question of death and burial, and said that if the burial is the end, then life is not worth living.
Dr. Sunderland read the poem dedicated to

the cemetery, which was read at the dedication of the cemetery thirty-eight years ago. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Secretary Clephane read the report of the board of trustees, and attention was called to the fact that the payment of \$200 would insure the good keeping of graves and lots for years to come, and several persons took advantage of the offer. Mrs. Sara Spencer was among those who paid the sum mentioned, and it was stated that she would remember the cemeter? to the extent of \$500 in her will. The choir sang "I Would Not Live Always," and the services closed with benediction by one of the ministers present. A handsome Bible for use in the chapel was presented by Mrs. Johnson.

Death of a Young Washingtonian. William R. King, who left this city a little over a year ago to engage in business in Central America, died in Nicaragua on the 17th of November of shagras fever. His companion, Guy Mitchell, also of this city, was with him when he died. Mr. King was at one time employed in the Agricultural Department in this city and had a large circle of friends who mourn his death. It was the intention of the

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